

(Chapter XIV.—Miscellaneous.—Sections 78-79.)

Provided that no rule made under section 27, 31 or 41 shall be so published without the previous sanction of the Governor General in Council.

CHAPTER XIV.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Persons
bound to as-
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officers and
Police-offi-
cers.

78. Every person who exercises any right in a reserved or protected forest, or who is permitted to take any forest-produce from, or to cut and remove timber or to pasture cattle in, such forest, and

every person who is employed by any such person in such forest, and

every person in any village contiguous to such forest who is employed by the Government, or who receives emoluments from the Government for services to be performed to the community,

shall be bound to furnish without unnecessary delay to the nearest Forest-officer or Police-officer any information he may possess respecting the commission of, or intention to commit, any forest-offence, and shall assist any Forest-officer or Police-officer.* * *¹—

(a) in extinguishing any fire occurring in such forest;

(b) in preventing any fire which may occur in the vicinity of such forest from spreading to such forest¹ [and shall assist any Forest-officer or Police-officer demanding his aid];

(c) in preventing the commission in such forest of any forest-offence; and

(d) when there is reason to believe that any such offence has been committed in such forest, in discovering and arresting the offender.

Management
of forests
the joint pro-

79. If the Government and any person be jointly interested in any forest or waste-land, or in the whole or

¹ The words "demanding his aid" were omitted and the words at the end of clause (b) inserted by s. 4 of the Indian Forest (Amendment) Act, 1901 (V of 1901).

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or any part of the produce thereof, the Local Government may from time to time either—

property of Government and other persons.

- (a) undertake the management of such forest, waste-land or produce, accounting to such person for his interest in the same; or
- (b) issue such regulations for the management of the forest, waste-land or produce by the person so jointly interested as it deems necessary for the management thereof and the interests of all parties therein.

When the Local Government undertakes, under clause (a) of this section, the management of any forest, waste-land or produce, it may from time to time, by notification in the local official Gazette, declare that any of the provisions contained in Chapters II and IV of this Act shall apply to such forest, waste-land or produce, and thereupon such provisions shall apply accordingly.

80. If any person be entitled to a share in the produce of any forest which is the property of Government or over which the Government has proprietary rights, or to any part of the forest-produce of which the Government is entitled, upon the condition of duly performing any service connected with such forest, such share shall be liable to confiscation in the event of the fact being established to the satisfaction of the Local Government that such service is no longer so performed :

Failure to perform service for which a share in produce of Government forest is enjoyed.

Provided that no such share shall be confiscated until the person entitled thereto, and the evidence (if any) which he may produce in proof of the due performance of such service, have been heard by an officer duly appointed in that behalf by the Local Government.

81. All money payable to the Government under this Act, or under any rule made under this Act, or on account of the price of any forest-produce, or of expenses incurred in the execution of this Act in respect of such produce, may, if not paid when due,

Recovery of money due to Government.

(Chapter XIV.—Miscellaneous.—Sections 82-84.)

be recovered under the law for the time being in force as if it were an arrear of land-revenue.

Lien on forest-produce for such money.

82. When any such money is payable for or in respect of any forest-produce, the amount thereof shall be deemed to be a first charge on such produce, and such produce may be taken possession of by a Forest-officer until such amount has been paid.

Power to sell such produce.

If such amount is not paid when due, the Forest-officer may sell such produce by public auction, and the proceeds of the sale shall be applied first in discharging such amount.

The surplus (if any), if not claimed within two months from the date of the sale by the person entitled thereto, shall be forfeited to Her Majesty.

Land required under this Act to be deemed to be needed for a public purpose under Land Acquisition Act, 1870.

83. Whenever it appears to the Local Government that any land is required for any of the purposes of this Act, such land shall be deemed to be needed for a public purpose within the meaning of the Land Acquisition Act, 1870,¹ section 4.

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Recovery of penalties due under bond.

² 84. When any person, in compliance with any rule under this Act, binds himself by any instrument to perform any duty or act, or covenants by any instrument that he, or that he and his servants and agents, will abstain from any act, the whole sum mentioned in such instrument as the amount to be paid in case of a breach of the conditions thereof may, notwithstanding anything in section 74 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872,³ be recovered from him in case of such breach as if it were an arrear of land-revenue.

IX of 1872.

SCHEDULE.

¹ Read now the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 (I of 1894)—see s. 2 of the Act—General Acts, Vol. VI.

² S. 84 was added by the Forest Act, 1890 (V of 1890), s. 14, General Acts, Vol. V.

³ Printed, General Acts, Vol. II; see now the revised edition of the Act as modified up to 1st September, 1899, with footnotes brought down to June 30th, 1901.

SCHEDULE.

(See section 1.)

ENACTMENTS REPEALED.

Number and year of Act or Regulation.	Title.	Extent of repeal.
Act VII of 1865	An Act to give effect to rules for the management and preservation of Government forests.	So much as has not been repealed.
Act VII of 1869	An Act to give validity to certain rules relating to forests in British Burma.	The whole.
Act XIII of 1873	An Act to amend the law relating to timber floated down the rivers of British Burma.	So much as has not been repealed.
Regulation IX of 1874.	The Arakan Hill District Laws Regulation, 1874.	So far as it relates to Acts VII of 1865 and VII of 1869.